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Wild Horse Adoption Heading to Marshall, TX!

Training Demos All Weekend

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is heading to the Marshall City Arena in Marshall, Texas, June 9-11, 2005. The three-day event will feature approximately 85 spectacular animals available for adoption – adult and yearling horses; no burros this time.

Preview of all animals available for adoption begins Thursday, June 9, from 4-6 p.m. Doors open again Friday, June 10, at 8 a.m., with the competitive bid adoption beginning at 10 a.m. Following the competitive bid adoption Friday morning, walkup adoptions will continue until 6 p.m., then resume Saturday, June 11, from 8 a.m. till noon. The minimum adoption fee is \$125 per animal to qualified adopters.

Noted horse trainer Michael Linderman will be on hand throughout the weekend to offer advice and provide demos on training wild horses.

The majority of the weanlings available for adoption were born in captivity on BLM contracted pastures; the studs and mares were gathered from herds on public lands in the western states.

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Wild Horse and Burro Program Manager Bob Mitchell observed, “These animals are noted for their endurance, sure-footedness, and strong sense of loyalty to their caretaker. These qualities make them excellent stock for ranch work.”

To qualify to adopt, bidders must be at least 18, with no record of animal abuse. In addition, adopters must have specific facilities and can adopt no more than four animals. All animals must be loaded in a covered trailer with solid walls and floors – no drop ramp trailers.

This event presents an opportunity for the public to participate in the adoption process and share in their American heritage. The BLM has placed more than 203,000 horses in approved homes across the country.

For more information on the Marshall adoption, call **866-4-Mustangs**, or visit

www.wildhorseandburro.gov.

Directions to the Marshall City Arena: From I-20: Exit Hwy 59 north, go 4 miles (north) to Hwy 43 East. Turn right on Hwy 43 and go east 1 mile to the Marshall City Arena, located on the north side of Hwy 43.

Media Activities:

- Excellent photo opportunities starting **Thursday** morning, 8 a.m., as wild horses arrive at the site and wranglers unload them for the adoption.
- Follow an adopter from registration to the ride home.
- Talk with past adopters about their experience with the program.
- Meet BLM mascots – Chester and Radar.
- Interview BLM Wild Horse and Burro Specialists about the history of the program, and find out what qualifies as a good home.

The Bureau of Land Management is responsible for managing the nation’s public lands. With the passage of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971, the Bureau gained the responsibility to care for wild horses and burros on these lands in harmony with other natural resources. When an over-population of wild horses and burros exists on these public lands, some animals are removed and offered to the general public for adoption.